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(54) **A set of nested dolls**

(57) A set of nested dolls comprises a number of dolls each bearing the likeness of a publicly known figure. The dolls are arranged to form a progression of figures. In one example the dolls are arranged to depict the sequence of successive Soviet leaders.

SPECIFICATION

A set of nested dolls

5 This invention relates to a set of nested dolls.
   Nested dolls are commonly known as "Russian
Dolls" and in their conventional form they com-
prise a series of dolls, usually of wood, which are
of identical appearance to each other but of differ-
10 ent size. Each doll in the series is split into two
portions, with the exception of the smallest doll
which is in one piece, and the dolls fit one within
another for storage.
   According to the present invention there is pro-
15 vided a set of nested dolls in which at least one
doll differs from the others and bears a likeness of
a publicly-known figure.
   Preferably each doll in the set bears a likeness of
a respective publicly-known figure, and most pref-
20 erably the likenesses form a progression of figures.
For example the dolls in a set may bear the like-
nesses of successive political leaders of a country.
The largest doll may depict an early leader, with
each smaller doll depicting his or her successors in
25 sequence; thus the dolls may represent Soviet
leaders, United States Presidents, British Prime
Ministers or the like.
   Alternatively the dolls may depict, for example,
members of the Royal Family or other celebrities
30 such as television personalities, sports teams or
historical figures.
   In an especially effective form of the dolls of this
invention the smallest doll may represent a future
member of the series depicted by the other dolls.
35 In such a way a novel contest can be arranged, by
providing sets of dolls depicting series of figures,
each set being identical with the exception of the
smallest doll in each set; the smallest dolls then
depict possible figures for completing the series at
40 some time in the future.
   An embodiment of this invention will now be de-
scribed by way of example only.
   Twelve sets of nested dolls are produced, each
set consisting of seven dolls of decreasing size.
45 Each doll in the set fits within the next largest, by
means of each doll except the smallest being split
so as to be openable to receive the smaller dolls.
The dolls are made of wood and in the form of hu-
man figures.
50   The six largest dolls in each set have faces
painted on them depicting the last six Soviet lead-
ers. The largest doll represents Lenin, the next
largest Stalin, then Krushchev, then Brezhnev, then
Andropov, then Chernenko. These six are the same
55 in each set. The smallest doll takes various forms,
so that different sets have different small dolls,
each of which depicts a current member of the So-
viet Politburo, e.g. Garbachov, Aliyer, Ustinov, Gro-
meyko, etc. As there are twelve Politburo members
60 there are twelve different small dolls.
   The dolls may be sold with the object of a cus-
tomer accumulating a full series of twelve alterna-
tives, or with a prize offered for holders of a set
which includes the sma⬚⬚ ⬚⬚⬚⬚ ⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚ ⬚⬚⬚ ⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚⬚

   Other alternatives are to provide a similar set
with the smallest doll having a blank face, thereby
demonstrating the notion of "who is next?"; to
provide identical sets with the smallest doll always
70 depicting the most likely Politburo member to suc-
ceed Chernenko (e.g. Garbachov) thereby provid-
ing an interesting prediction of the succession; or
to provide only six dolls in each set, with the
smallest representing Chernenko, so that the sets
75 are purely factual and reflect the full progression of
Soviet leadership to date.
   Modifications and improvements may be made
without departing from the scope of the invention.

80 CLAIMS

   1. A set of nested dolls in which at least one
doll differs from the others and bears a likeness of
a publicly known figure.
85   2. A set of nested dolls as claimed in Claim 1,
wherein each doll in the set bears a likeness of a
respective publicly known figure.
   3. A set of nested dolls as claimed in Claim 2,
wherein the likenesses form a progression of fig-
90 ures.
   4. A set of nested dolls as claimed in Claim 3,
wherein the likenesses are successive political
leaders of a country.
   5. A set of nested dolls as claimed in Claim 4,
95 wherein the largest doll depicts an early leader
with each smaller doll depicting his or her succes-
sors in sequence.
   6. A set of nested dolls as claimed in Claim 5,
wherein the smallest doll bears the likeness of a
100 potential future member of the series depicted by
the other dolls.
   7. A set of nested dolls substantially as her-
einbefore described.